

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed March 17, 2008. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-14 were pending in this Application. Claims 1, 3-5, and 9-14 were rejected and Claims 2 and 6-8 were objected to. Claims 1 and 12-14 have been amended. Claim 8 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 15-23 have been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 2 and 6-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant amended independent claim 1 to include the limitation of allowable claim 8 which has been cancelled. Applicants submit new Claim 15 incorporating the elements of allowable Claim 2 and base Claim 1. New claims 16-23 correspond to claims 2- 7, and 9-11, respectively. Applicants submits new Claim 15-23 are in condition for allowance and requests favorable action.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants enclose an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") and PTO Form 1449, with a copy of the references for the Examiner's review and consideration. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the \$180.00 IDS fee and any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Association of Customer Number and Change of Correspondence Address

Applicants respectfully request that all papers pertaining to the above-captioned patent application be associated with Customer No. **31625**, and direct all correspondence pertaining to this patent application to practitioners at Customer Number **31625**. All

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telephone calls should be directed to Andreas Grubert at 512.322.2545. A Revocation and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending Claims.

Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the amount of \$360.00 for three new dependent Claims and one independent claim and the amount of \$1,050.00 for the Petition for Three-Months Extension of Time to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 to order to effectuate these filings.

Applicants believe there are no additional fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2545.

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